

5 wherein determining the keystroke sequence produces a valid result in a
 6 first context comprises determining whether the performed directory filtering
 7 operation produces at least one valid result for the keystroke sequence.

1 14. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
 3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the accepted key-
 4 strokes;

5 wherein each directory record comprises contents, and wherein perform-
 6 ing the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke sequence
 7 with the contents of at least one directory record.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first feedback comprises at least
 2 one matching directory record.

1 16. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
 3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the
 4 accepted keystrokes;

wherein each directory record comprises at least one field value, and

wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke sequence with at least one field value in at least one directory record.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the first feedback comprises at least one matching directory record.

18. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first context, performing the directory filtering operation using the accepted keystrokes;

wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the key-stroke sequences with at least two field values in at least one directory record.

19. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first context, performing the directory filtering operation using the accepted keystrokes;

wherein each directory record comprises at least two field values, and

wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke sequences with at least one value derived from at least one field in at least one directory record.

1 20. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the
4 accepted keystrokes;

5 wherein each directory record comprises at least two field values, and
6 wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke se-
7 quences with at least one field values in at least one directory record and with at
8 least one value derived from at least one field in at least one directory record.

1 21. The method of claim 10, wherein the first feedback comprises at least
2 one matching directory record.

1 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 accepting an additional keystroke, the additional keystroke having at least
3 a first value;
4 appending the additional keystroke to the keystroke sequence;
5 repeating the steps of:
6 determining whether the keystroke sequence produces a valid re-
7 sult in a first context;
8 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in
9 the first context, outputting first feedback, the first feed-